

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 33 on page 3 as follows:

This embodiment, therefore, uses a novel slider 20 as shown in FIG. 4. This slider comprises a guide column 22 that is provided generally perpendicularly to the fastener tapes 12 and a top plate 24 and a bottom plate 26 provided above and below said guide column. The left end of the top plate 24 extends downward, forming a left side part 24a, while the right end extends to an open space 24b. The right end of the bottom plate 26 extends upward, forming a right side part 26a, while the left end extends to an open space 26b. Between the guide column 22 and the left and right side parts 24a, 26a, left and right housings 28, 30 for fastener elements are formed. The left and right housings 28, 30 are shaped so as to become wider as they extend downward.